

## **What People Are Saying about *An Elephant's Swimming Pool***

*"An Elephant's Swimming Pool* was an enjoyable read and fresh look at the book of John. Malcolm Cox has a style that made me laugh while helping me to look at my own life in light of the scriptures. His discussion of the book of John was deep yet applicable, personal and yet universal, and serious yet full of humor. I deeply enjoyed the book and highly recommend it for everyone, from new Christians to serious students of the Bible."

Annie McCune  
Women's Ministry Leader  
Spokane, WA

"I wholeheartedly recommend this book. Malcolm uses a fresh approach to devotional study from his own personal experiences to help the reader engage with the gospel. His insights are profound and yet relate to what everyone goes through in life as a disciple. For his first book - he hit one out of the park with *An Elephants Swimming Pool*. This book helped me to look at John's gospel in a different way and I am better off for reading it."

Daren Turner  
Evangelist  
Springfield, MO

*"An Elephant's Swimming Pool* by Malcolm Cox is a refreshing look at the Gospel of John, chapter by chapter. For anyone who desires to be amazed by Jesus once more, this book is certain to deliver.... His writing is as disarming as it is deliberate. With chapters like "Whips and Wine," "Honeymoons and Cement Mixers," and "Confusion and Refreshment," your soul will be challenged and inspired to re-examine Jesus anew. Each chapter has probing questions to prompt personal reflection and application.... It was a delightful read. I have already recommended the book to others."

James Gitre  
Round Rock, TX

“What I expected from *An Elephant's Swimming Pool* was some exposition on the Gospel of John with inspiring insight sprinkled throughout. What I got was a life-changing book that challenged me get out of the shallow end and dive into the deep. The author applies a human lens to Jesus by relating the things Jesus did to modern-day examples and poses the question: “Are we really striving every day to live a life worthy of Christ?” I found the book challenging me to more closely examine my daily walk and think about how Jesus would react if he were presented with the situations I am in each day.

“I encourage disciples young and old to read this book and spend a few days with the Apostle John, walking side-by-side with Jesus. Come on in, the water's fine!”

Andrew Robben  
Athens, GA

“This book was very encouraging and faith building.... His inclusion of the poem “I'd Rather See a Sermon” coupled with the scriptures and Malcolm's insight challenged me to my core and inspired me to re-engage with my wife and children through life application and personal example.

“Thank you for this great book. I am bringing it to my 5:30 am Friday morning men's group and recommending it for our next book devotional. I am also buying a copy for my minister.”

Anthony Hamilton  
Chicago, IL

“A new and refreshing insight into the book of John and a great book to use either in a personal or group study.”

Sue Underwood  
Huntsville, AL

“...Not only are Malcolm's thoughts insightful, they are **incisive!**

“It is interesting and GOOD for me to read a non-American's spiritual book! Go DPI! The English love of play on words and clever verbiage comes through so clearly. I learned a lot about world events that I normally wouldn't consider and liked that a lot. I finally learned what “grasp the nettle” means and had to get my dictionary out a couple times too! (Quite a salubrious vocabulary booster - yes it was.)

“Particularly inspiring for me were the “visionary eyes” thoughts from John 4; very timely thoughts for the hearts of God's people. I believe we are regaining God's grace and composure to his glory - and certainly several sections of the book will help people get back the eyes and ears, and the heart of Jesus! Isn't that what God wants at the individual level?”

Jerry Maday  
Worcester, MA

“I have greatly enjoyed reading Malcom Cox's book *An Elephant's Swimming Pool*. Each chapter is wonderfully insightful and powerfully challenging, and they read like an attention getting sermon. He did a great job revealing just how deep the ‘pool’ can go.... He asks some great questions at the end of each chapter. At first, seeing that each chapter ended with a prayer, I thought that that was a little too... ‘religious’ for lack of a better word. But, after going through a chapter, getting convicted and inspired, I really appreciated the prayer, because it helped me to know how to pray about what I had just been convicted of or inspired by.”

Ben McMillan  
Hilo, HI

“I really enjoyed this book. It was a fresh look at Jesus’ life, heart and convictions. It was also a window into John’s heart as well as he made the way for Jesus. I learned some new things from the text that I had not caught before and revived convictions of what I had seen before. I definitely recommend this book. It is great for your personal quiet times reading a chapter of John and then a chapter of the book.... It is easy to understand but so deep on so many levels. Loved it! Refreshing!”

Tricia Shanks  
Columbus, OH

“Very imaginative and interesting; makes the Bible come alive with real thoughts, feelings and stories of his own life.”

Scott VanHoogstraal  
Phoenix, AZ

“An Elephant's Swimming Pool offers fresh and insightful thoughts on an age-old maxim.”

Melody Delgado Lorbeer  
Jacksonville, FL

“This book helped me see Jesus through John's eyes. Chapter by chapter, cultural context fades into the background as I watched the timeless character of John's Lord coming into focus for him.

“In Chapter 11, the brilliance of Jesus' power was highlighted for me as Malcolm shared about why Jesus probably waited until Lazarus had been dead for four days.

“Some devotional guides seem to get tired toward the end, but in “Elephant,” the last chapter is as good as the first. In particular, Malcolm's exposition of how Jesus handled Peter's restoration took me deeper in my understanding of the Lord's gentleness and purpose.

“This book has a very approachable and non-pretentious style, leaving me wanting to get to know not only Jesus better, but also John--and Malcolm!”

Chris Walquist  
Chicago, IL

“It has helped me to understand the book of John better, to see that I am responsible for my relationship with God.”

Sharon Pinter  
Poway, CA

“*An Elephant's Swimming Pool* gave me different insights into Jesus and the disciples. It was interesting to read from an author outside the U.S. to get a little different view of things. I also appreciate Malcolm's imagination into what some of the conversations may have been like between Jesus and his disciples.”

Chris Tang  
Evangelist  
Lawrence, KS

“...full of openness about his life and hopes for those who read it. He made John's book become practical for today's living.”

Bob Wedin  
Phoenix, AZ

“As a mom of three school-aged children, I feel pulled in many directions; sometimes without warning. I desire and simply need to build my relationship with God with concise knowledge and deep motivation. Mr. Cox’s book and his humility met that need in many ways. I want my heart to be led by encouragement as well as conviction, and each chapter had a point that did just that. I was able to grab on to the challenging point and apply it to my life. I found myself thinking about the various points as I went about my day, and I would ask myself, ‘Am I being a pointer?’ ‘Is my walk with God out of self preservation or for outreach?’ Thank you for your concise teaching and for your abundant humility.”

Anne Engelhardt  
Avon, IN